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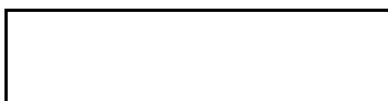


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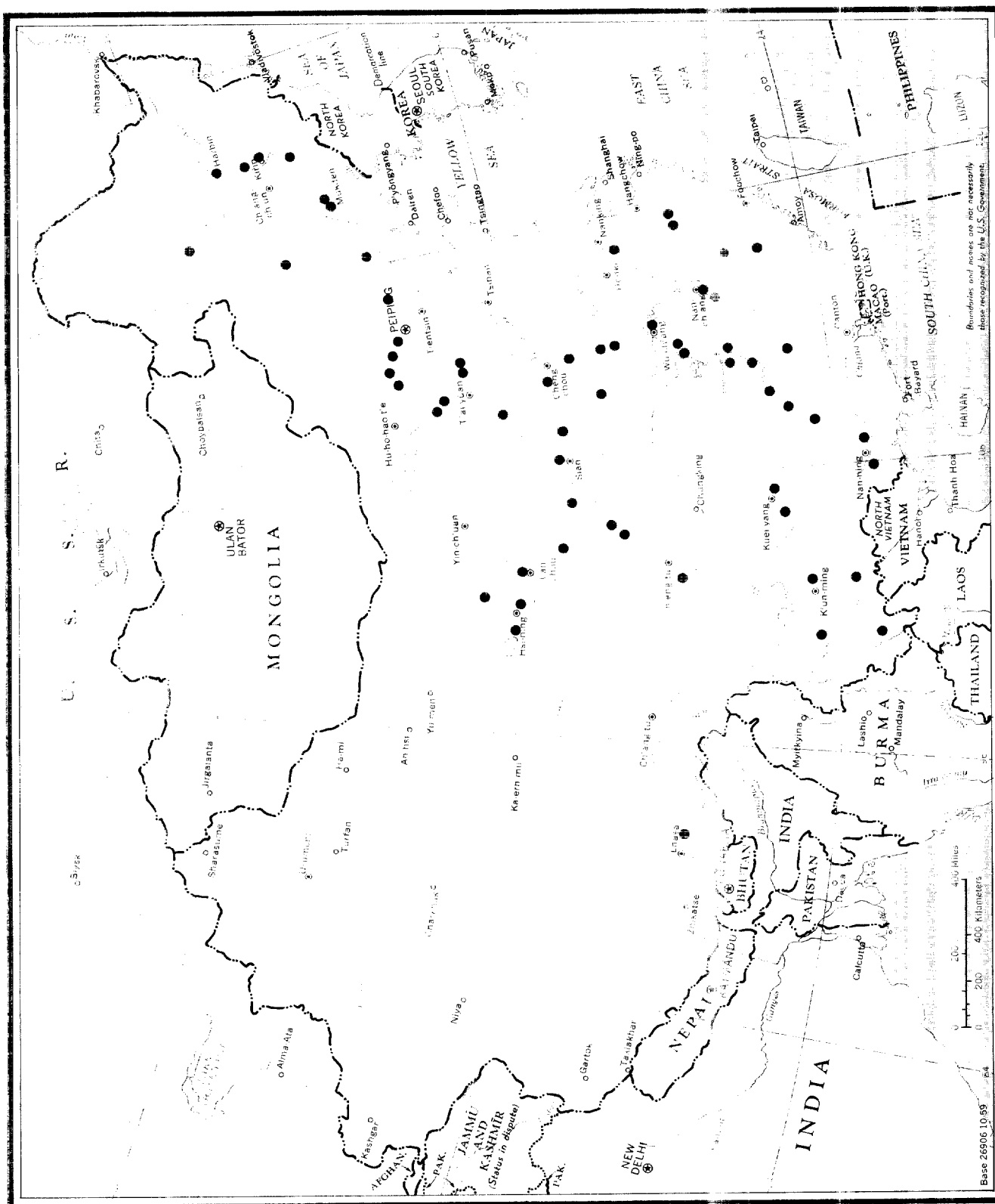


FIGURE 2. LOCATIONS OF REGIONAL PETROLEUM STORAGE SITES, CHINA

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25X1CHINAStatus of Regional Petroleum Storage

The number of identified regional petroleum storage sites in China continues to grow. Sixty-one storage sites have now been identified from satellite photography through [REDACTED]. This represents an increase of 25 sites since IAS last reported on regional petroleum storage in the IAS Notes of [REDACTED]. Figure 1 shows the locations of the 61 sites.

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These storage sites have been under construction in widely scattered areas of China since the early 1960's. A storage site typically consists of about 20 semiburied tanks of approximately 20,000 barrels capacity each. The site is usually situated in hilly country so as to take advantage of protection afforded by the terrain. Most of the sites are served by a rail spur constructed especially for them.

The expansion of the regional petroleum storage system coincides with the steady growth observed in China's petroleum industry.

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